

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

When passing the bread to your neighbor say, "The body of Christ, broken for you."

When passing the cup to your neighbor say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

We will hold each element until all are served and then partake together.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN OF SENDING #342 "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" (verses 1 and 4 only)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Fanfare"

Dietrich Buxtehude

**WELCOME VISITOR!** We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about the Christian faith and about the church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your pew, fill out a blue first-time visitor card, add your name to the Ritual of Friendship pad and by all means do not hesitate to contact our pastor. May God bless you this morning and throughout the week.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor  
Dorothy Clark, Organist  
Glory Cumbow, Youth Director  
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director  
Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips & Breon Williams

# Stockbridge Presbyterian

## Church

August 7, 2016

11:00 am



## Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit ..."*  
*Luke 12:35*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.  
Otherwise, Susan will turn into her evil twin and give you The Look.)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

TESTIMONIES FROM THE CONGREGATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Variations on 'Jesus Shall Reign'"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Acolyte: TBD

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Aaron Roberts

**Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you for submission to church prayer list.**

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\*Those who are able, please stand.

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #115 "Praise the Name of Jesus"

**Praise the name of Jesus, praise the name of Jesus. He's my Rock,  
he's my Fortress, he's my Deliverer, in him will I trust. Praise the name of Jesus.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 50)

Liturgist: Aaron Roberts

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**All: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth:**

Leader: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**All: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #111 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, forgive us when we allow negativity to overcome us. Forgive us when we listen too long to dark thoughts and complaining people. Help us to stay focused on your Light, and find in you the hope and life you offer. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Galatians 1:4)

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. Friends, rejoice again in the great good news of the kingdom of God:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

GLORIA

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

John Dunn

INTERLUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Arr. by Cindy Berry

In Remembrance of Doug Richardson

(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 50:1-15

Page 491, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Luke 12:32-40

Page 70, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Is Today the Day?"

Rev. Susan Bennett

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Morning Meditation"

Ben Logan

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**